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Town of
EASTON

New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 1986

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Margaret "Peg" Whitcomb

Has served her town well as

Library Trustee

Moderator

Treasurer

4-H Club Leader

Kinsman Club stalwart

and in many other ways.

Town of Easton, New Hampshire
ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 1986

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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

FRED MOODY	(Term expires 1987)
CHARLES CHASE	(Term expires 1988)
WALTER WOODS	(Term expires 1989)

Town Clerk
BARBARA COLLIER

Tax Collector
FONTELLE SILVER

Treasurer
BERNICE CUTTER

Auditor
WILLIAM HALL

Fire Superintendent
STANLEY SHERBURN

Chief of Police
EDWARD CUTTER

Moderator
STEPHEN NORTH (1986)

Librarian
VIRGINIA LEIGHTON

Supervisors of the Checklist

HELEN SOPER	(1988)
FONTELLE SILVER	(1990)
CAROLYN CHASE	(1992)

Recreation Committee

PAT CLARK
RUTH KING

Trustee of the Trust Funds
HARRIET CORBRAN

Lafayette School Board
BETTY MOODY (1987)

Library Trustees
MARGARET WHITCOMB (1987)
CAROLYN CHASE (1988)
EUNICE WOODS (1989)

Cemetery Trustees
PARKER TOWLE (1987)
LEE STRIMBECK (1988)
PAUL SCHLEGEL (1989)

Planning Board - Three Year Term

BILL KENNEY	(1987)	MARY ELLEN BARNES	(1988)
MIKE GARVAN	(1988)	EDWARD CUTTER	(1989)
PAUL SCHLEGEL	Alternate	LOUISA KENNEY	Alternate
WALTER WOODS (ex officio)			

Board of Adjustment - Five Year Term

HAROLD KLUMBACH	(1987)	KAY GLOVER	(1988)
FRED MOODY	(1989)	DENNIS FORD	(1990)
DONNA NORTH	(1991)	BARBARA COLLIER	Alternate

TOWN OF EASTON

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 in the evening. Polls will be open from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year. (*Ballot Vote*)

To see if the Town will vote to approve or disapprove proposed amendments No. 2 through No. 5 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as presented by the Planning Board on the official ballot.

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 1 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To replace the current term "trailer coach" and its definition with the term "recreational travel vehicle", which is defined as follows: A vehicle equipped with either sleeping, kitchen and/or bathroom facilities, self-propelled or able to be pulled by another vehicle, and designed for travel and not as a stationary permanent residence, and change all reference to "trailer coach" to "recreational travel vehicle".

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 2 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To replace the current term "mobile home" with the definition of "manufactured housing": means any structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is 8 body feet or more in width and 40 body feet or more in length, or when erected on site, is 320 square feet or more, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to required utilities, which include plumbing, heating and electrical heating systems contained herein. Manufactured housing shall not include presite built housing as defined in State Law RSA 674:31-a and also shall not include "recreational travel vehicles", and change all references to "mobile homes" to "manufactured housing", including Article 9, Section 901.

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 3 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

This amendment would change having a recreational travel vehicle from a special exception use to a permitted accessory use and sets up time periods for use and storage on both residential and vacant lots:

a. Delete current section 602(17) and add to Section 601(a)(3) the following sentence: A single recreational travel vehicle may be stored on a property.

b. Add to Section 601(c), a new subsection (2) to be as follows: (2) The use of a recreational travel vehicle on a property shall not exceed a total of 60 days in a calendar year, including no more than 30 consecutive days, except as Section 805 permits for use in conjunction with construction. A recreational travel vehicle shall not be stored on a vacant parcel of land for more than 45 days. Any extension of these time periods shall only be granted after application to and review and approval by the Board of Selectmen.

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 4 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To prohibit recreational travel vehicle campgrounds by adding to Section 602(5) which currently allows “park and recreation areas” as special exceptions the phrase “excepting private recreational travel vehicle campgrounds”.

Yes _____ No _____

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen and other Town Officers an annual salary during the current year in accordance with the following schedule, and to raise and appropriate money for same:

Chairman, Board of Selectmen	\$450.00
Selectman	\$350.00
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Tax Collector	\$450.00
Town Clerk	\$225.00
Treasurer	\$225.00
Auditor	\$100.00
Moderator	\$50.00

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 to construct a ramp and install a new door to the Town Hall. This ramp and doorway will provide safe entrance to the Town Hall by disabled residents and it will be built to State specifications.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to be added to the Reappraisal Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Fire Protection Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,405.00 for Regional Health Care Agencies in accordance with the following schedule:

Littleton Hospital	\$600.00
Ross Ambulance	\$205.00
White Mountain Mental Health	\$188.00
North Country Home Health Agency	\$242.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens	\$170.00

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$843.00 for Regional Associations in accordance with the following schedule:

Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill	
Chamber of Commerce	\$500.00
North Country Council	\$208.00
Tri-County Community Action Program	\$135.00

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,150.00 for the Franconia Recreation Program.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money for defraying Town expenses in anticipation of tax revenues, if necessary.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, receive and expend, without further action, any grants which may become available during the year as set forth in RSA 31:95-b.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to create a special unpaid committee to be known as the Upper Grafton/Lancaster Area Refuse Disposal Planning Committee pursuant to RSA 53-B:1 and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$283.00 for investigative engineering services. This committee shall study the advisability of establishing a Regional Refuse Disposal District and shall report back to the Selectmen and the Town for further action at a subsequent Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55.00 to contribute to a regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Project. This program will provide for the proper disposal of hazardous household products which are corrosive, toxic, reactive, and/or flammable, including household cleaners, paint products, pesticides and herbicides, and the like. Subject to adequate funding, collection will take place by June 30, 1987.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$600.00 to purchase office equipment for use by the Town Clerk. The needed equipment includes: a small print electric typewriter, a locking file cabinet, additional storage containers, and miscellaneous office supplies.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for ceiling fans at the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for road signs for Town road designation.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,200.00 for a radio which will enable the Fire Superintendent to communicate more effectively.

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, for use as setoffs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to make pro rata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon:

Appropriation	Amount
Solid Waste Transfer Station	\$768.00

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as is stated in the proposed budget as posted.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town's representatives to the General Court to take all necessary measures to insure that no low level radioactive waste from the Seabrook nuclear plant shall be stored or disposed of within this Town of Easton unless and until the proposed site for the proposed storage or disposal has been approved by the voters of the Town at the annual Town Meeting by written ballot. *(By Petition)*

ARTICLE 24. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Frederick Moody
Charles C. Chase
Walter Woods
Selectmen of Easton

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The two primary reasons expenditures exceeded budget authorization were; summer road maintenance and fire protection. Last summer, approximately one half of the Town roads were surface treated with an oil sealer. This routine maintenance item had been deferred for some time. Oil prices were at a ten year low and we had received complaints that the pavement was literally breaking apart. It is our intention to complete the road rework surface maintenance program this summer.

Once again this year the Town suffered from numerous house fires. Our contract fire departments responded to fires when called, with two more going unnoticed. We have seen a 17% increase in our contract cost with Franconia and Sugar Hill. There is a genuine desire by both of these towns that Easton get started with its own fire department. In response to this, we have increased our fire protection reserve fund request to \$5,000. There should be a sufficient amount in the reserve fund in 3-5 years to establish a small fire department. Again, we request that anyone interested in becoming a firefighter please contact us.

Solid waste continues to be an important issue for Easton and all other area towns. Easton is a member of the Upper Grafton Solid Waste District which is continuing its planning efforts this year. We have included \$280.00 in the budget for the planning district to conduct an on-site engineering evaluation of several areas for a district owned landfill and to negotiate with the private sector vendors for a long-term solution to the solid waste problem. As a side note, the transfer station is currently hauling to a landfill in East Ryegate, Vermont, at a net cost savings over the previous year.

Handicap access to the Town Hall is again on the Town Warrant. This as you may recall it, has been defeated twice in the past. However, the Town has certain legal obligations to its residents and accessibility to public meetings is one of them. We hope the proposal this year reduces the visual impacts while providing for the needs of the disabled.

Selectmen of Easton

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	\$ 25,290.02
Uncollected Taxes	2,770.00
Unexpended Revenue Sharing	811.90
Reappraisal Fund	7,000.00
Fire Protection Contingency Fund	<u>4,000.00</u>

Total Assets \$ 39,871.92

Excess of Liabilities Over Assets 2,257.98

\$ 42,129.90

LIABILITIES

School Tax Payable	\$ 29,550.00
Yield Tax Escrow Accounts	768.00
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Fund	811.90
Fire Warden Funds Matching	-0-
Reappraisal Fund	7,000.00
Fire Protection Contingency Fund	<u>4,000.00</u>

Total Liabilities \$42,129.90

GRAND TOTAL \$42,129.90

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON — REVENUE

	Estimated 1986	Actual 1986	Estimated 1987
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Taxes:			
Resident Taxes	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,300.00
Yield Taxes	1,000.00	682.39	500.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	-0-	243.54	-0-
Property Tax Cost	-0-	53.65	-0-
Intergovernmental Revenues-State:			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	1,500.00	1,993.93	1,500.00
Highway Block Grant	3,000.00	2,921.09	2,500.00
Fire Warden Matching Fund	-0-	28.89	-0-
Intergovernmental Revenues-Fed.:			
National Forest Reserve	7,000.00	7,253.71	5,000.00
Revenue Sharing	1,112.34	1,112.34	812.00
U.S. Entitlement	1,200.00	1,262.00	1,200.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	10,000.00	14,271.50	14,000.00
Dog Licenses	125.00	160.00	150.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	-0- 100.00	-0- 239.00	-0- 150.00
Charges for Services:			
Planning Board	-0-	74.00	-0-
Board Adj.	-0-	28.45	-0-
Cemetery Lot	-0-	175.00	-0-
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Interest of Deposits	1,000.00	1,563.76	500.00
Sale of Town Property (Old wood stove)(Art.17 1986)	-0-	255.00	-0-
Insurance Refund	-0-	935.03	-0-
AT & T Refund	-0-	2.48	-0-
N.H. Municipal Association Refund	-0-	4.77	-0-
N.H. Electric Co-op Refund	-0-	138.12	-0-
Other Financing Sources:			
Yield Tax Bond	-0-	768.00	-0-
Emergency Assistance Loan (Partial Payment)	-0-	250.00	-0-
Total Revenues and Credits	\$27,287.34	\$35,796.65	\$27,612.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON — EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approps. 1986	Actual 1986	Approps. 1987
General Government:			
Town Officer's Salary	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
Town Officer's Expenses	2,000.00	2,721.62	2,500.00
Election & Registration Exp	500.00	662.23	500.00
Cemeteries	400.00	500.00	400.00
General Government Buildings	3,000.00	2,640.23	3,000.00
Reappraisal of Property	600.00	438.00	500.00
Planning and Zoning	500.00	517.98	500.00
Legal Expenses	400.00	973.01	500.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	1,258.00	470.00	500.00
Contingency Fund	-0-	-0-	2,000.00
Tax Map Maintenance	250.00	250.00	250.00
Regional Associations Art.11	-0-	-0-	843.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	2,750.00	2,922.15	2,500.00
Fire Department	10,250.00	14,938.49	13,000.00
Fire Depart. Radio Art. 20	-0-	-0-	1,200.00
Highways, Streets & Bridges:			
General Highway Depart. Exp.	10,000.00	15,349.78	14,000.00
Signs for Town Roads Art.19	-0-	-0-	500.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	6,000.00	5,755.83	6,500.00
Regional Waste Plan. Art.15	258.00	-0-	283.00
Household Hazard. Waste Disposal Art. 16	-0-	-0-	55.00
Health:			
Health Department	20.00	-0-	20.00
Hospitals and Ambulances	804.75	804.75	804.75
Regional Health Providers Art. 10	588.50	588.50	1,405.00
Welfare:			
General Assistance	100.00	-0-	100.00
Emergency Assistance Loan	-0-	550.00	-0-

Culture and Recreation:			
Library	300.00	100.00	300.00
Parks and Recreation Art.12	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
Capital Outlay:			
New Stove	2,000.00	1,921.10	-0-
Canopy	500.00	500.00	-0-
Town Clerks Equip. Art. 17	-0-	-0-	600.00
Ceiling Fans Town Hall Art.18	-0-	-0-	500.00
Operating Transfers Out:			
Fire Protection Reserve			
Fund Art. 9	2,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00
Reappraisal Reserve			
Fund Art. 8	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Easton Soil Map	800.00	647.60	-0-
Cost Share Forester	250.00	-0-	-0-
Ramp for Handicapped Art. 7	-0-	-0-	4,000.00
Miscellaneous:			
Insurance	3,000.00	3,675.00	4,000.00
Abatements	<u>-0-</u>	<u>694.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Appropriations	\$55,379.25	\$66,470.27	\$73,110.75
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes			
			27,612.00
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			
			45,498.75

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Building	\$ 93,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,300.00
Library, Furniture and Equipment	2,200.00
Police Department Equipment	1,200.00
Fire Department Equipment	<u>1,100.00</u>
 Total	 \$101,300.00

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$2,462,971.00
Buildings	4,592,300.00
Electric Utilities	323,641.00
Mobile Homes	<u>6,200.00</u>
 GROSS VALUATION	 \$7,385,112.00
 Less Elderly Exemption	 <u>2,500.00</u>
 NET VALUATION (on which Tax Rate is computed)	 \$7,382,612.00
 Increase in Net Valuation - 1985	 286,239.00

	1986 Tax Rate	%	1985 Tax Rate	%
TOWN	\$ 2.42	18.62	\$ 2.96	23.05
COUNTY	2.55	19.62	2.23	17.37
SCHOOL	8.03	61.76	7.65	59.58
	<u>\$13.00/\$1000</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$12.84/\$1000</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have audited the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Library Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds and Cemetery Committee for the year 1986. I have found all accounts, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and in proper order.

William Hall
Auditor

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Receipts		
Motor Vehicles	\$14,271.50	
Dogs	160.00	
Marriage Licenses	80.00	
Histories	7.50	
Filings	5.00	
Petty Cash	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Receipts		\$14,549.00
Less Receipts from 1/1/86 to 3/11/86		<u>1,735.00</u>
Total Receipts from 3/11/86 to 12/31/86		\$12,814.00
MV Fees	\$ 343.50	
Transfer Fees	110.00	
Title Fees	20.00	
Dog Fees	15.50	
Marriage License Fees	<u>28.00</u>	
Less Total Fees		<u>517.00</u>
Total to Town		\$12,297.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$56,492.00
Less Est. Revenues and Credits	<u>41,219.00</u>
Net Town Appropriation	\$15,273.00
Net School Tax	60,326.00
County Tax	<u>17,931.00</u>
Total - Town, School, County	\$93,530.00
Deduct Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	(1,315.00)
Add War Service Credits	1,000.00
Add Overlay	2,759.00
Property Taxes to be Raised	95,974.00
Less War Service Credits	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Tax Commitment	\$94,974.00
Tax Computation Adjustment	<u>-</u>
Property Taxes Committed To Collector	\$94,974.00

TAX COLLECTOR - SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 1985 & 1986 - Property, Resident & Yield Taxes

DEBITS

	Levies of:	
	1986	1985
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 2,967.51
Resident Taxes		40.00
Taxes Committed To Collector		
Property Taxes	94,609.00	
Resident Taxes	1,250.00	
Yield Taxes	750.89	
Added Taxes		
Property Taxes	180.00	50.00
Overpayments		
a/c Property Taxes	541.00	
a/c Yield Taxes	7.00	
Interest Collected on Delinquent		
Property Taxes	138.79	158.50
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	4.00	4.00
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$97,480.68</u>	<u>\$ 3,220.01</u>

CREDITS

Remittances To Treasurer During Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes	\$92,340.14	\$ 2,967.51
Resident Taxes	1,300.00	80.00
Yield Taxes	750.89	
Interest Collected During Year	138.79	158.50
Penalties on Resident Taxes	4.00	4.00
Abatements Made During Year		
Property Taxes	50.00	
Resident Taxes	120.00	10.00
Yield Taxes	7.00	
Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year (As Per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	2,759.86	
Resident Taxes	<u>10.00</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$97,480.68</u>	<u>\$ 3,220.01</u>

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Levy of 1986

Property Taxes:

Walter K. Chisholm & Geraldine	\$ 30.00
Jaque Farhi	28.00
Paul Farhi	31.00
Jane Farhi & Pamela	31.00
Frederick Kendall	141.00
John Lazzaro & Cathy	36.00
Donald Letendre & Stephen Fleming	107.00
Priscilla Locke	231.00
* Thomas Pancoast & Kathleen	101.00
Jacques Ruch	435.00
David Shepard & Alice	474.00
Stanley Sherburn & Lori	561.00
Robert Sherburn	10.00
Wilfred R. Varieur & Karen M.	8.00
* Chester Baum	26.00
Anthony Anelauskas & Mary	91.00
Holzman, Donald & Louise	91.00
Donald Holzman & Madeline	92.00
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Total	\$ 2,524.00
Added	235.86
New Balance	<hr/> \$ 2,759.86

Resident Taxes:

Joanne Miller	\$ 10.00
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I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1986, on account of tax levy of 1986, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Fontelle A. Silver
Tax Collector

* Paid after 12/30/86

Checks returned, insufficient funds

Michael Rubin & Lilly	\$116.86
Cabot J. Cameron	119.00
	<hr/> \$235.86

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1986

DEBITS

	1986	1985
Tax Sales on Account of Levies of		
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes		
Beginning Fiscal Year	\$	\$ 915.80
Taxes Sold To Town During	None	
Current Fiscal Year*		
Interest Collected After Sale		61.04
Redemption Costs		<u>68.40</u>
Total Debits	\$	\$ 1,045.24

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:		
Redemptions	\$	\$ 915.80
Interest & Costs After Sale		<u>129.44</u>
Total Credits	\$	\$ 1,045.24

** Amount of Tax Sale(s) sold to town held during current fiscal year, including total amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of sale(s).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance on Hand - January 1, 1986	\$ 34,826.08
Fontelle A. Silver, Tax Collector	97,911.19
Virginia Leighton & Barbara Collier, Town Clerk	14,549.00
Selectmen	289.00
State of New Hampshire - Federal Govt.	14,571.96
Fire Warden's Matching Funds	28.89
Federal Revenue Sharing	1,112.34
Planning Board Fees for Subdivision	74.00
Board of Adjustment	28.45
Cemetery	175.00
Yield Tax Bonds	768.00
Interest on General Fund	1,563.76
Rent Town Hall	75.00
Miscellaneous	<u>133.31</u>
Total Receipts to General Fund	\$131,279.90
Balance on Hand January 1, 1986	<u>34,826.08</u>
Total Receipts in General Fund	\$166,105.98
1986 Selectmen Orders	<u>140,815.96</u>
Balance, January 1, 1987	\$ 25,290.02

REVENUE SHARING FUND REPORT

Total Available Funds, January 1, 1986	\$ 1,112.34
Federal Solid Waste Transfer Station	<u>1,112.34</u>
	\$ -0-
Entitlement Payments, 1986	\$ 721.00
Interest	<u>90.90</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 811.90

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:

Property Taxes, 1985 Levy	\$ 2,967.51
Property Tax Interest, Levy	104.85
Resident Tax. 1985 Levy	80.00
Resident Tax Penalties, 1985 Levy	4.00
Property Tax Costs, 1985	53.65
Property Tax, 1986 Levy	92,576.00
Property Interest, 1986 Levy	138.79
Resident Tax 1986	1,300.00
Resident Tax Penalties, 1986	4.00
Yield Tax	<u>682.39</u>
 Total	 \$97,911.19
Property Tax (Insufficient Funds)	(238.86)
Total	<u>\$97,672.33</u>

From Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicles Permits	\$14,271.50
Dog Licenses	160.00
Filing Fees	5.00
Histories	7.50
Marriage Licenses (4)	80.00
Return of Petty Cash	<u>25.00</u>
 Total	 \$14,549.00

From Selectmen:

Building Permits	\$ 146.00
Pistol Permits	8.00
Rent of Town Hall	75.00
Town Histories	<u>60.00</u>
 Total	 \$ 289.00

From State of New Hampshire:

Block Grant Aid	\$ 2,921.09
Fire Warden Matching Funds: Training School	28.89
Revenue Sharing Distribution	<u>1,993.93</u>

Total	\$ 4,943.91
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Planning & Zoning Boards	\$ 74.00
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Board of Adjustment	\$ 28.45
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Refunds:

Concord Group Insurance	\$ 935.03
A.T. & T Phone Returned	2.48
N.H. Municipal Association	<u>4.77</u>
Total	\$ 942.28
Cemetery Lots	\$ 175.00
Sale of Town Property (Stove)	\$ 255.00
Federal Entitlement Lands	\$ 1,262.00
Federal Reserve Sharing (Article 11)	\$ 1,112.34
National Forest Reserve	\$ 7,253.71
N.H. Electric Co. Reimbursement from Fire	\$ 138.12
Yield Tax Bond	\$ 768.00
Payment of Emergency Assistance Loan	\$ 250.00
Interest from General Fund	\$ 1,563.76
Total	<u>\$131,276.90</u>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

Mike Garvan	\$ 67.30
Virginia Leighton	43.27
Charles C. Chase	369.22
Fred Moody	430.78
Walter Woods	282.70
Fontelle Silver	450.00
Barbara Collier	181.73
Bernice H. Cutter	225.00
Stephen North	50.00
William Hall	<u>100.00</u>

Total	\$ 2,200.00
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Town Officers' Expenses:

Brown & Saltmarsh	\$ 9.90
National Market Reports, Inc.	24.00
Loring, Short & Harmon	194.20
Harrison Publishing Co.	671.80
B. J. Workshop (Mailing List)	84.64
Littleton Office Supplies	6.38
Cartographic Association	16.50
North Country Council (Photocopies)	34.35
Gift (Retiring Town Clerk)	31.86
Charles Chase (Travel)(Reimbursement)	192.28
Walter Woods (Travel)	23.82
V. Leighton - Town Clerk	72.13
Bernice Cutter	53.00
Barbara Collier (Town Clerk)	615.96
Fontelle Silver	223.65
Barbara Collier, Secretary	<u>467.15</u>

Total	\$ 2,721.62
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Election & Registration:

Town of Franconia	\$ 96.38
Harrison Publishing	101.00
Loring, Short & Harmon	19.45
Fontelle Silver	117.10
Helen Soper	110.55
Carolyn Chase	103.85
Bernice Cutter	56.95
Eunice Woods	16.75
Jennie Walsh	33.50
Virginia Leighton	<u>6.70</u>

Total	\$ 662.23
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Town Hall Expenses:

Wetherbee Oil	\$ 712.37
New England Telephone	344.28
Public Service of New Hampshire	239.99
A.T. & T	15.75
Edward Cutter	185.00
Franconia Hardware	51.14
Joseph Herbert	38.83
Miriam Wutzdorff	20.08
J. Cavanaugh & Son	539.96
Franconia Gas Corp.	226.10
Charles Chase	33.14
Harris Energy	<u>233.59</u>
Total	\$ 2,640.23

Police:

Edward Cutter	\$ 1,743.15
Motorola Inc. (New Radio)	1,019.00
Repair of Old radio	40.00
Share of 8123 line	<u>120.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,922.15

Planning & Zoning:

Littleton Courier	\$ 196.68
Barbara Collier	80.15
Register of Deeds, Grafton County	57.00
Cartographic Association	40.00
North Country Council	129.00
Mary Ellen Barnes	<u>15.15</u>
Total	\$ 517.98

Fire Department:

Town of Franconia (Retainer Fee)	\$ 3,600.00
Town of Sugar Hill (Retainer Fee)	2,400.00
Town of Franconia - Fires	5,224.23
Town of Sugar Hill - Fires	3,250.00
Fire Warden Training School	65.26
Grafton County Sheriffs - Radio Battery	40.00
8123 - Line	<u>359.00</u>
Total	\$ 14,938.49

Transfer Station:

Town of Franconia	\$ 5,755.83
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Insurance:	
Concord Group	\$ 1,076.00
Hunkins & Eaton Agency	251.00
Illinois National Ins. Co.	427.00
N.H.M.A. PLIT Inc.	1,854.00
Franconia Ins. Agency	<u>67.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,675.00
Road Maintenance:	
Summer:	
Robert P. Peckett III	\$ 3,323.00
Arthur Whitcomb	232.83
Carroll Wright	288.00
N.H. Bituminous	2,623.10
Town of Sugar Hill	<u>125.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,591.93
Winter:	
Robert P. Peckett III	\$ 8,196.00
Arthur Whitcomb	43.55
International Salt	<u>518.30</u>
Total	\$ 8,757.85
Easton Free Public Library	\$ 100.00
Easton Cemetery Committee	\$ 500.00
Nighswander, Martin & Mitchell, P.A. (Town Council)	\$ 973.01
Advertising & Regional Association:	
N.H. Municipal Association	\$ 400.00
N.H. Town Clerk Association	12.00
N.H. Tax Collector Association	15.00
Fontelle Silver	<u>43.00</u>
Total	\$ 470.00
Refunds, Abatelements:	
Dana Leonard	\$ 7.00
Dorothy Block	44.00
Jean Kennard	102.00
Robert Eddleston	26.00
Robert Kempton	203.00
Irving Salan	292.00

Leslie Hankins	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$ 694.00
N.H. State Treasurer:	
Fire Warden's Matching Funds	\$ 218.00
Dog Fees	15.50
Marriage License (4)	<u>52.00</u>
Total	\$ 285.50
A.F. Stiegler - Grafton County Tax 1986	\$ 17,931.00
Emergency Assistance Loan	\$ 550.00
Reappraisal of Property	
W. John Schofield - Assessor	\$ 438.00
Tax Map Update Cartographic Associates Inc.	\$ 250.00
Articles:	
14 - Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 3,500.00
16 - Fire Protection Reserve Fund	2,000.00
17 - New Stove for Town Hall	2,176.10
18 - Canopy for Town Hall Entrance	500.00
19 - Grafton County Community Action	195.00
21 - Ross Ambulance Service	204.75
22 - White Mountain Mental Health	181.50
23 - Franconia Chamber of Commerce	250.00
24 - Littleton Hospital	600.00
25 - North Country Council	208.00
26 - North Country Home Health Agency	212.00
27 - Franconia Recreation Program	1,150.00
28 - Grafton County Conservation Service	<u>647.60</u>
Total	\$ 11,824.95
School Districts:	
Lafayette Regional School District	\$ 33,830.19
Profile School District	<u>21,586.00</u>
Total	\$ 55,416.19
Total 1986 Payments	\$140,815.96

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS for the Year Ending December 31, 1986

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Rate-of Interest	Amount of Principal	Balance Income Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Income End of Year
1916	R. W. Young	6.75	\$ 100.00	\$ 22.11	\$ 8.67	\$ 8.67	\$ 22.11
1922	P. Kinsman & B. Edwards	6.75	100.00	33.65	9.49	9.49	33.65
1937	Orin G. Bowles	6.75	200.00	157.73	25.41	25.41	157.73
1947	Arthur Pease	6.75	114.00	64.16	11.66	11.66	64.16
1949 & 1979	Charles A. Young	6.75	300.00	59.68	25.56	25.56	59.68
1959	Florence Pease	6.75	200.00	104.08	21.60	21.60	104.08
1966 & 1985	Whitcomb, Tabbutt	10.10	600.00	15.54	66.63	66.63	15.54
1970	Edson M. & Harriet Bailey	6.75	100.00	20.28	8.54	8.54	20.28
1970	Leighton & Doolan	6.75	71.25	31.71	7.32	7.32	31.71
1971	Melvin H. & Idamae Bowles	* 5.50	100.00	25.35	7.20	7.20	25.35
1971	Wm. & Alice G. Muser	6.75	100.00	17.80	8.38	8.38	17.80
1973	Russell & Iva Stevens	6.75	50.00	12.55	4.44	4.44	12.55
1973	John W. & Carrie N. Leigher	6.75	100.00	17.63	8.36	8.36	17.63
1973	L. Gerald Paine	10.65	750.00	120.23	94.53	94.53	120.23
1974	Everett W. Bailey	6.75	100.00	18.07	8.39	8.39	18.07
1975	Howard Bonor	6.75	100.00	12.24	7.97	7.97	12.24
1979	Wm. J. & Lillian Bailey	6.75	200.00	15.34	15.28	15.28	15.34
1979	Merton Edney	6.75	100.00	7.88	7.66	7.66	7.88
1979	Clayton & Sadie Glover	* 5.50	200.00	25.28	12.93	12.93	25.28
1980	Margaret Wolff	10.75	100.00	10.38	6.35	6.35	10.38
1984	Heinz & Helene Schultze	6.75	300.00	20.63	22.79	22.79	20.63
1985	Wm. A. & Carol J. Bailey	* 5.50	200.00	-0-	11.49	11.49	-0-
1985	Stuart L. or Uncha Bowles	* 5.50	50.00	-0-	2.89	2.89	-0-
TOTALS			\$4,235.25	\$812.32	\$403.54	\$403.54	\$812.32

All of the above Trusts are for Cemetery Lot Care
All Trusts are invested at The Savers Bank

* Regular Passbook Savings.
All others are Certificates of Deposit.

1985	Reappraisal Reserve Fund	** 9.15	\$3,500.00	\$ -0-	\$328.79	\$ -0-	\$3,828.79
1985	Fire Protection Conting.F	** 9.15	2,000.00	-0-	187.93	-0-	2,187.93
TOTALS			\$5,500.00	\$ -0-	\$516.72	\$ -0-	\$6,016.72

** Certificates of Deposit The Savers Bank

CEMETERY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

There was one burial during the year. Three lots were purchased.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Cash in checking	\$270.76
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RECEIPTS

Lots	\$175.00
Town appropriation	500.00
Income from Trust Funds	<u>403.54</u>
Total Receipts	\$1,349.30

EXPENSES

James Cavanaugh, caretaking	\$725.00
Flags	35.76
Refund to Town	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,260.76

Balance in checking	\$88.54
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Paul Schlegel
Lee Strimbeck
Parker Towle

Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery

LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1986	\$201.77	
Receipts during the year	<u>359.64</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$561.41

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's Salary	\$200.00	
Dues to Trustees Association	16.00	
Library Supplies	9.99	
11 Books purchased	129.37	
1 Subscription - 1 year	6.00	
Advertisement (change in library dates)	<u>3.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>\$363.36</u>
Balance on hand - December 31, 1986		\$198.05

The Sadie N. Glover & Helen J. Young Memorial Fund:

Invested with the Savers Bank, Littleton, N.H. in a 2½ year Certificate. Interest only may be used. Matured June 9, 1986. Withdrew \$125.00 at maturity and renewed for another 2½ years at 7¼% interest, \$52.74 interest for the year. Balance on December 1, 1986 - \$526.03.

The Dadja Merwin Memorial Fund:

In November 1986 the Kinsman Valley Club voted to give to the Library the amount of \$50.00 in memory of Dadja Merwin. It has been deposited in a savings account and can be added to, if any one wishes to donate.

Trustees-Easton Public Library:

Margaret T. Whitcomb
Carolyn H. Chase
Eunice M. Woods

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The Media Van from Twin Mountain made 8 trips to Easton in 1986. Three trips were cancelled. We borrowed approximately 390 books. There were 37 books given to the Library. With the town appropriation 11 books were bought.

Thank you to those who donated to the Library. Harriet Bailey, The Sugar Hill Library, Mr. and Mrs. John Merwin, and Margaret Whitcomb, among others.

Books sold and discarded from the Library	88
Number of visitors	118
Number of readers	21
Books Loaned:	
Adult fiction	497
Adult non-fiction	158
Juvenile and magazines	<u>12</u>
Total circulation	667

The Library days have been changed from Saturday to Wednesday, the first and third Wednesday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m.

Virginia Leighton

Librarian

TRI-TOWN RECREATION PROGRAM

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

	1986	1987
	Expenses	Budget
Salaries	\$5,382.50	\$5,400.00
Insurance	250.00	250.00
Bus Rental	1,137.00	1,200.00
Pool Rental	700.00	700.00
Miscellaneous	34.00	140.00
	<u>\$7,503.50</u>	<u>\$7,690.00</u>

SUMMER BASEBALL PROGRAM

	1986	1987
	Expenses	Budget
Equipment	\$509.10	\$500.00
Insurance	250.00	250.00
Miscellaneous	92.96	150.00
	<u>\$852.06</u>	<u>\$900.00</u>

WINTER RECREATION PROGRAM

	1986	1987
	Expenses	Budget
Maintenance & Labor	\$1,840.00	\$1,840.00
Gas & Electricity	1,493.89	1,500.00
Insurance	67.00	70.00
Miscellaneous	303.13	500.00
	<u>\$3,704.02</u>	<u>\$3,910.00</u>

The Total Tri-Town Recreational Budget will be \$12,500.00 for 1987. No increase over 1986 budget. Proposed appropriation is Franconia, \$7,900.00; Sugar Hill, \$3,450.00; and Easton, \$1,150.00.

Our Summer Program was supervised this year by Rick Simmons with Elizabeth Andross, Sue Ash and Mattie Jean Hunt. The program included Red Cross Swim Instruction, hiking, biking, arts and crafts and trips to Storyland, and a trip to Fenway Park to see a Red Sox game.

The Winter program included hockey and figure skating. Again this year Jim Cavanaugh was in charge of maintenance of both rinks.

Thanks to David Sullivan, and the coaches, we had another successful season of Little League. Which included the Franconia All-Star team winning the championship.

FIRE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Easton had 25 fire calls in 1986. This represents a significant increase over previous years. I feel Easton is going to have to address the problem of fire protection for itself in the very near future.

In 1984 a committee was set up and an extensive report was generated; of which several alternatives were presented. The town elected at that time to continue with contracted service with the two towns of Franconia and Sugar Hill. Briefly; I would like to review alternative C page 4 of the 1984 report whereby the Pros for Easton's own department are as follows:

- Eliminate present contractual costs
- Reduce the majority of Easton home fire insurance rates
- Increase participation in fire protection security

The Cons:

- Easton manpower is marginal to obtain significant fire department membership
- Initial operating costs may be in excess of this report
- Lack of housing fire equipment

At this time I think the findings of this report still holds true but feel we must overcome the problems in establishing a fire department of our own and press toward that goal. It would be costly to establish a fire department in the town of Easton, but savings over present contracted protection would produce a gain for the town. This gain for our town would be shown in a short period of time. A proposal at the 1988 meeting should be presented to establish Easton's own fire department. As our town grows and expands we must start considering taking care of our own, as well as giving more input to our neighbors and present protectors Franconia and Sugar Hill.

Once again I must remind you of the importance of a well maintained stove and chimney as these are two major causes of fire. Recent figures from the State Fire Marshall show that 52% of fires originated within the chimneys of single and two family dwellings.

Most people don't think about fire until it happens, then it is too late. Take time to be familiar with fire and what it can do to you, your loved ones and your property. Have a plan of action if fire strikes.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley R. Sherburn
Fire Superintendent

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Between July 1985 and June 1986, we experienced fewer fires than normal. The two leading causes of forest fires were again children and fires kindled without written permission of a Forest Fire Warden. Both causes are preventable, but only with your help.

Please help our town and state forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. Contact your Forest Fire Warden for more information.

Enforcement of a state timber harvest regulation is the responsibility of State Forestry officials. Our state has excellent timber harvest regulations; however, your assistance is needed.

If you know of a logging operation and suspect a state timber harvest law may be violated, call your Forest Fire Warden.

If you own forest land, you became responsible for the timber tax payment starting April 1, 1986. This is a change in the Timber Tax Law that will impact all forest landowners. Contact your Board of Selectmen for timber tax forms.

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS - 1986

Number Fires Statewide	840
Acres Burned Statewide	751
Cost of Suppression	\$275,956

DISTRICT

Number of Fires	13.0
Number of Acres	19.5

TOWN - EASTON

Number of Fires	0
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John Q. Ricard, Forest Ranger
Canaan, NH

Durand B. Cooley, Forest Fire Warden
Easton, NH

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

ACCIDENTS:

Were down to 6 this year with no injuries. Some of the cars were a little worse for the wear after rolling over a time or two. Eastons tricky little curves really sneak up on a person who was probably going too fast on a strange road and sometimes slippery conditions. Some others were lucky and only got stuck in snow or sand when going off the road.

BREAK-INS:

This Department was called to 4 this year. Items were taken from three while the fourth only showed damage by entry. Apparently they were scared off. One case was solved and restitution is imminent with the assistance of the State Police. One bicycle was reported stolen and later recovered due to the sharp eyes of the young owner.

DOGS:

There were a few stray dogs this year. Some we knew and some had I.D. tags on their collars. Others were found a Home. Lt. Bob Anderson wrote down a Car License Number and helped us solve a dognapping.

REMINDER - APRIL 30 IS THE DEADLINE FOR LICENSES!

This Department received 208 calls this year, which was a 30% increase over the previous year, for assistance, information, citizen complaints and concerns. The Department had 100% increase in man hours in 1986, standing by at Fire and Fast Squad calls, accidents, car breakdowns and investigating breakins. We appreciate the fact that more and more Easton Residents notify us when they are going to be away. It helps us to help you.

Easton Police Department wishes to Thank the Sheriffs Department, the State Police, and the Franconia-Sugar Hill Police Department for their response when we have a problem. The replacement radio has improved communications for all police and interdepartment calls.

The support of the Selectmen has made the job easier. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward P. Cutter
Police Chief

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Permits were issued for 9 new houses and for 10 additions or alterations to existing houses.

Charles C. Chase,
Building Inspector

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

The Easton road system increased in 1986 with the addition of John Blocks Subdivision. This road has been well built and should be easy to maintain.

The highway expenditures for 1986 were over budget due to a busy winter maintenance schedule and resurfacing the Black Top roads which had not been done for several years. The decision to do the black top work this year was made in view of the fact that the price of asphalt was lower than it had been in some time.

The question has been raised about having road signs for all town roads. I think this would be a great help for delivery people and visitors to our area.

Respectfully,

Robert P. Peckett, 3rd
Road Agent

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The highlight of the Planning Board's year was the completion by the Grafton County Soil Conservation Service of maps delineating the types of soils in Easton. Thanks to your funding last year, we were able to acquire this valuable information. Soil Conservation Service provided maps and three types of reports that helped us (and can help all landowners) understand the capabilities of soils. We have been looking at different soils and obvious resource problems such as poorly-drained soils, steep slopes, and poor septic system sites. The idea is to use this information to guide future development and conserve valuable resources.

We hope at Town Meeting to present a summary of our Master Plan work to date, including the above soil data and the survey of residents. It is still not too late to drop off a completed survey or pick up one, if we missed you.

In terms of subdivision activity, we were busy throughout the summer discussing possible subdivisions with a few landowners. Major concerns have been adequate and legal rights-of-way and roads. Though we received no actual applications, folks usually take time during the winter to get the paperwork underway, so we do expect to see some subdivision activity in early 1987.

We had a couple of lively meetings this past summer and we do encourage people to stop in at our regular meetings to discuss their community concerns or problems.

Mary Ellen Barnes
Ed Cutter
Mike Garvan
Bill Kenney

Louisa Kenney, (Alternate)
Paul Schlegel, (Alternate)
Walter Woods, (Ex officio)

EASTON SKI CLUB

If there are seniors and others interested in skiing at Cannon Mountain as a group, please get in touch with us. It's great!

Irv Salan
Paul Schlegel
Rob Wutzdorff
Charlie Chase

KINSMAN VALLEY CLUB

A calendar for the Kinsman Valley Club and events to take place at the Easton Town Hall during 1987.

Club Meetings - 7:30 PM	first Tuesday of each month
Election Day - 1:00 to 6:00 PM	Tuesday, March 10
Town Meeting - 7:30 PM	Tuesday, March 10
Clean Up Day	Saturday, May 16
Rain Date	Saturday, May 23
Summer Fair	Saturday, August 8
Easton Town Picnic	Sunday, September 20
Fire Wardens Picnic	Saturday, September 26
Fire Wardens Supper	Thursday, October 22
Holiday Party	Saturday, December 12

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

We appreciate the opportunity to submit the following report in our continuing effort to directly communicate with our constituents, realizing your concerns and our accountability for a fiscally conservative budget.

We have heard that budget message and continually strive to meet mandated and essential services in the most efficient and effective, yet economical manner possible. This has been reflected in tight county budgets the last two years, resulting in decreased county tax requirements. Some towns may have seen increased county taxes due to evaluation and apportionment formula used by the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration. However, public services at the county level still usually reflect more equitable distribution of tax dollars. County tax averages 6.2% of base property taxes.

The county is facing the same problems in the insurance market as the towns. However, we have joined in the N.H. Municipal Association's insurance programs for most coverage needs at reasonable cost. We shall also have to deal with the loss of Revenue Sharing funds in the next budget.

It is too early to make a comprehensive report on the new welfare system under Senate Bill-1. We do know that with the change in program liabilities, county costs will substantially increase, and towns should realize a decrease in welfare assistance payments. County focus under SB-1 is to serve the needs of the children, the elderly and disabled. Because the north country is growing with changing needs, growth in the elderly population, and expanded service requirements, we must look to the future to meet those needs.

The House of Correction occupancy figures have grown dramatically due to week-end sentencing, new DWI laws, and continuous one year sentencing to avoid incarceration at state prison, causing overcrowding at the Correctional facility. One option now under consideration is the construction of a two story dormitory type addition for 30 beds. The result would be a net increase of 18 beds meeting space standards under a plan in line with previous jail study recommendations, and at far less cost than a new facility.

The farm continues to be self-supporting, provides work for inmates, and offers access for experimental projects. The Register of Deeds net profit margin is 3.6% of county revenues. The Sheriff's Department provides essential services in transport, superior court, dispatch, and other law enforcement activities, with increased revenue in fees. The Nursing Home is one of the finest in the state.

We are proud of our county; of the dedicated staff, exemplary services and high standard facilities.

Commissioners meet weekly, and encourage public attendance. We welcome facility tours.

Our thanks and appreciation to all.

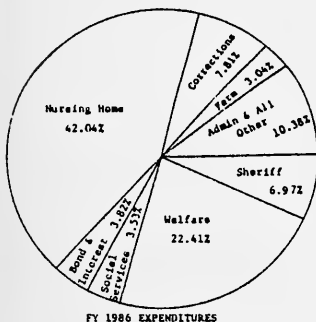
Respectfully submitted,

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Dorothy Campion-Corcoran, Chairperson

Arthur E. Snell, Clerk

Leonard F. Anderson, Commissioner



NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL-ANNUAL REPORT

Calendar year 1936 was a busy and productive year for the North Country Council as it continued to provide a wide range of assistance to towns and cities in the North Country.

The Council is a regional non-profit, public agency chartered under NH RSA 36:45 and is responsible for providing its member communities assistance in local community planning, economic development, solid waste, transportation, and various other community services. Besides the direct assistance the Council provides each member community, it is an advocate for all North Country towns in legislative and funding issues at the state and federal governments.

Growth and development is no longer unique to southern New Hampshire; North Country towns are experiencing similar growth pressures. The Council recognizes the impacts associated with this development to schools, roads, waste disposal, water, etc. The Council is dedicated to assisting town officials with these complicated issues. Because most of the Council member towns do not have a staff of their own to do the research, answer the questions and respond to incoming requests, the Council has revised the way we help member towns. Now, each town has a staff person assigned to assist the local officials of that town with their daily needs. In this way, the Council serves its membership more efficiently.

In Easton, we provided planning assistance to the Upper Grafton/Lancaster Solid Waste District and submitted the 10-year plan to the State. We advised the Town on a soil lot size ordinance, zoning changes and a solid waste commercial haulers' ordinance.

Economic Development is an important part of the Council's overall agency mission. This year the Council developed two marketing products; a regional brochure promoting the region and community profiles which the ten growth communities in the region are using to market their industrial development potential. The Council also produced a series of magazine advertisements, along with a display at the Eastern States Exposition, promoting the North Country as the sensible place to do business. The Council is now developing a workshop series on industrial development marketing for local officials in the region who are actively seeking economic development.

This past summer the Council co-sponsored the very successful North Country legislative tour. Over 285 legislators and their guests toured the North Country getting a glimpse of the life, economy, and culture that makes our region unique. A follow-up legislative reception was held in December to develop a legislative agenda for 1987. The tour and reception should have future beneficial legislative impact to the North Country.

The Council again provided information and guidance to several towns on federal and state grant and loan programs. This past year saw the Council administer over \$3.0 million in Community Development Block Grant funds. The funds cover such activities as housing rehabilitation, downtown revitalization, business revolving loan funds, and housing rehabilitation feasibility studies.

Community planning assistance has emphasized master planning and improvement in local land use controls. New state mandates and commercial and residential growth in several towns have created busy work loads for planning boards. The Council's assistance takes many forms: regional workshops, newsletters, regulation review and update, and assistance on a regular or one-time basis for subdivision and site plan applications.

The Council again co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture series with the NH Municipal Association. The Law Lecture this year covered such topics as local planning board procedures, administration and enforcement of ordinances and review of recent court cases and state law changes regarding local land use planning.

Overall, the Council's major objective is to work with North Country towns in solving local and regional problems. We rely on and appreciate the involvement of town officials and residents and look forward to assisting your town this coming year.

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Vital Statistics

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1986

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
February 22, 1986	Lauren E. Hepburn	Samuel Hepburn	Kathleen M. Curnyn	P.A.	N.Y.
April 20, 1986	Kyle K. Strimbeck	Lee A. Strimbeck	Kathleen B. Kerivan	M.I.	C.A.
July 7, 1986	Christopher N. Corbran	Kenneth J. Corbran	Harriett E. Robbins	N.J.	N.J.
August 31, 1986	Timothy M. Valcourt	Michael T. Valcourt	Darlene S. Coursey	M.A.	M.D.
December 11, 1986	Alexandra L. Matthews	David R. Matthews	Wendy J. Harrington	N.J.	N.H.
December 20, 1986	Gregory F. Dellinger	Walter E. Dellinger	Brenda L. Locke	N.H.	N.H.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 1986

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Name of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
March 22, 1986 Woodsville, NH	Robert J. Edgerly Susan M. Hall	Winthrop, ME Easton, NH	John G. Edgerly Mary Ellen Small William S. Hall Rosemary Barella	Rev. John Nolin Catholic Priest Woodsville, NH
May 31, 1986 Easton, NH	G. Richard Strimbeck Nancy R. Bazilchuk	Easton, NH Charlotte, VT	Lee A. Strimbeck Catherine Pugh William C. Bazilchuk Dorothy A. Reney	George E. Foss III Justice of the Peace Sugar Hill, NH
July 26, 1986 Easton, NH	Mark J. Guerin Stephanie Shepard	Lincoln, NH Easton, NH	Burt Guerin Virginia Pillsbury David L. Shepard Alice Cooley	Paul W. Pinkham Justice of the Peace Sugar Hill, NH
August 2, 1986 Bretton Woods, NH	James S. Mulholland III Susan Kempton	Hillsdale, NJ Easton, NH	James S. Mulholland, Jr. Clariel Weikart Robert M. Kempton Geraldine Mitchell	Perry A. Kingman Clergyman N. Conway, NH
August 31, 1986 Easton, NH	John E. Adams Cynthia C. Schipani	Ashland, MA Ashland, MA	Edward P. Adams Amelia Denty Charles C. Chase Carolyn Hillegass	William Briggs Clergyman Sugar Hill, NH
November 22, 1986 Easton, NH	Walter E. Dellinger Brenda L. Locke	N. Haverhill, NH Easton, NH	Carl E. Dellinger Mary Ann Mansfield Fred W. Locke Priscilla P. Stone	Timothy J. McKenna Special Justice Haverhill Court N. Haverhill, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH **for the Year Ending December 31, 1986**

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Sex	Occupation	Name of Father	Name of Mother
October 24, 1986 Easton, NH	Dadja C. Merwin	60	F	Exec. Secretary	Jaroslav Pernegr	Marie Pojslova
December 5, 1986 Easton, NH	Robert M. Kempton	70	M	Exec. (Ret)	Cyrus Kempton	Agnes Johnson
December 29, 1986 Franconia, NH	Helen L. Leontie	65	F	Housewife	John A. Harris	Nellie Zymolska

Emergency Telephone Number

8123

Fire - Police

Medical Emergency

Police Officer

Ed Cutter - 823-8548

Fire Superintendent

Stanley Sherburn - 823-5649

Fire Warden

Durand Cooley - 823-5207

Dogs must be Licensed by May 1, 1987

Up to date

DOG LICENSE & RABIES CERTIFICATE NUMBER

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